Drugs under National Health Programme

683. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR REHMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the News item captioned "changes in Drug Policy likely" appeared in "The Hindu" dated 19th August, 1991;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that Government have decided to abolish the present system of placing the drugs under price control necessary for National Health Programme;

(c) if so, whether Government have not been able so far to include all the drugs under price control necessary for National Health Programme; and

(d) since when this issue is pending for consideration and on what ground Government have taken a decision to abolish the system which has not been implemented and given trial so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The drug policy including DPCO 1987 is still under review and decisions thereon are yet to be taken.

Prices of drugs/medicines

684. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the price of Catalin Eye drops, Speman Tablets, Neotraxate Tablets, Trexly Suspension, Trexly Tablets, Selvigon drops, Septilin Tablets, Septilin Syrup, Guinoform Tablets, Niclosam Tablets, Sonamizol Liquid, Aldozol Syrup, Zanax Tablets, Gardenol Injection and Rumalaya cream before DPCO, 1987 and what is the present price;

(b) whether it is a fact that producers of these products increased the prices several times during this period;

(c) if so, what was the percentage of increase in each time and what is the percentage of increase after the announcement of DPCO, 1987;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government have set up a monitoring cell; and

(e) if so, when each formulator have provided details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) To the extent available, information has been given in the statement enclosed.

(d) The Pharmaceutical Division in the Deptt. of Chemicals & Petrochemicals is in charge of the work relating to monitoring.

(e) It is a continuous process and as per DPCO, 1987 information is required to be furnished by the concerned manufacturer as and when a new pack is introduced or any price revision takes place.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of formulation	Price before DPCO, 1987 (Rs.)	Increase in between (Rs.) (%age increase)		Present price (Rs.) (%increase)
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Catalin eye drops 15ml.	30·15	49·00 (62·62)	54·56 (11·35)	60·00 (9·98%)
2	Speman tabs.		Ayurvedic Medicine		
3	Neort exate tabs. 10X10's	67·00			85·00 (26·86%)

1	2	3	4		5
4.	Trexly Susp.	N.A.			
5.	-Do- tabs.				
6.	Selvigon drops 15 ml.	8·54	12.00 (40.5%)		15.00 (25%)
7.	Septilin tabs.		Ayurvedic Medicine		
8.	-Do- syp.		Ayurvedic Medicine		
9.	Guinoform tabs.		N.A.		
10.	Nicosan tabs 500 mg. 4's	12·13			11.00
11.	Sonamizol susp. 50 ml.	4·91			4.74
12.	Aldezol Inj. 100 ml.		8.98	9·34 (4·1%)	13·33 (42·8%)
13.	Zenax tabs 10's				2.20
14.	Gardenal Sod. Inj. 200 mg 1ml.	1.11			1.40 (26.13%)
15.	Rumalaya		Ayurvedic Medicine		

(Figures given in brackets give the %age increase each time)

Ayurvedic drugs are outside purview of DPCO, 1987.

Cases of F.E.R.A. against M/s. Burroughs Wellcome and M/s. German Remedies

685. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of F.E.R.A. Violations and overinvoicing in imports were established against M/s. Burroughs, Wellcome and M/s. German Remedies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these companies are resorting to over invoicing of imports directly and indirectly in a big way;

(d) what are the details of instances which have come to Government's notice from January, 1990 onwards;

(e) whether it is a fact that Government have proposed to take action against the past and present Managing Directors of the two companies; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) There were complaints against M/s. German Remedies and M/s. Burroughs Wellcome for over invoicing of Dypridamal and Triprolidine HCL respectively and the same were forwarded to the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence for further investigation.

(d) The details of instances of overinvoicing were given in Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1664 answered on 1.8.1991.

(e) and (f) Action would be taken after receiving findings from the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence.

Overcharging of price by producers of certain drugs

686. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that producers of Ethambutol, Pyrazinamide and Cephe-